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SUBJECT: AIRLIFT OF UGANDAN COFFEE

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION TO FRG FOREIGN
MINISTRY FOR TRANSMITTING TO FRG EMBASSY KAMPALA.

2. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED BY SEABOARD WORLD AIR-
LINES (NEW YORK) THAT THIS FIRM HAS VIRTUALLY CONCLUDED
CHARTER AGREEMENT TO FLY UGANDAN COFFEE FROM ENTEBBE TO
DJIBOUTI (APPARENTLY FOR TRANSSHIPMENT BY SEA TO EUROPE).
IF FINAL ARRANGEMENTS SUCCESSFULLY CONCLUDED, SERVICE
WOULD COMMENCE END APRIL AND RUN FOR APPROXIMATELY THREE-
TO-FOUR MONTHS. TWO FLIGHTS PER DAY WOULD BE FLOWN,
CARRYING 100,000 POUNDS OF COFFEE PER FLIGHT ACCORDING TO
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SEABOARD OFFICIALS. SEABOARD WOULD STATION ONE OR TWO
OFFICIALS AT ENTEBBE AND DJIBOUTI, WITH CREW CHANGES ETC.
BEING ACCOMPLISHED LARGELY AT DJIBOUTI.

3. SEABOARD IS AWARE THAT DEPARTMENT DISCOURAGES TRAVEL
BY AMERICAN CITIZENS TO UGANDA, BUT HAS NEVERTHELESS DECID-
ED TO PROCEED WITH OPERATION. SEABOARD HAS ASKED AND BEEN

INFORMED THAT THERE ARE NO LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO U.S. FIRMS DOING BUSINESS IN UGANDA. SEABOARD WILL INFORM DEPARTMENT OF NATIONALITIES (AND, IF AMERICAN, IDENTIFYING DATA) OF PERSONNEL TO BE STATIONED IN UGANDA, AND WE WILL INFORM FRG. SEABOARD HAS ALSO AGREED TO ADVISE THESE PERSONNEL TO REGISTER WITH FRG OR OTHER APPROPRIATE EMBASSY IN KAMPALA.

4. NOTE: INFORMATION CONCERNING SEABOARD OPERATION IS PROPRIETARY AND SHOULD NOT BE DISCUSSED OUTSIDE OFFICIAL CIRCLES PENDING INAUGURATION OF FLIGHTS.
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